SI.No.	Name of Stations	Waiting List
30.	Sheohar	294
31.	Patna	10580
32.	Nalanda	3977
33.	Saharsa	1222
34.	Madhepura	489
35.	Supaul	804
36.	Samastipur	4798
37.	Rohtas	2439
38.	Bhabua	895
	TOTAL:	119207

Telephone Exchange capacity in Karnataka

1640. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNI CATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a the present capacity of the telephone exchanges in the State of Karnataka, exchange-wise;

(b) the number of phones presently lying out of order in the cities of the State during the last one year, till date; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The present capacity of the telephone exchanges in the cities of Karnataka, exchange-wise is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 202, Annexure No. 6]

(b) There are no phones presently lying out of order in the cities of the State during the last one year till date.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Circulation of counterfeit postal stamps etc.

1641. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNI CATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the instances of detection of circulation of counterfeit postal stamps and circulation/encashments of fake Postal Orders, National Saving Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patras and other small saving instruments dealt with by the Post Offices in the country, till date; and

(b) the steps taken, if any, for precaution, prevention and detection of circulation of counterfeit postal stamps and other valued postal instruments, besides these small saving certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Some cases of circulation of counterfeit postal ,stamps in various parts of the country have come to the notice of the Department since 1999. Till date counterfeit stamps valued at more than Rs. 6,00,00,000/- (Rupees six crores only) have been detected/seized. Reported instances of fake stamps are given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below)

No case of fake Postal Orders, National Saving Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patras and other small Savings instruments has come to notice.

(b) The following precautions/preventive steps have been taken by the Department:—

(i) Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of Postal Circles for conducting surpise checks/visits for checking the stamps Vendors/Post Office Treasuries, Circle Stamps Depots (CSDs).

(ii) Instructions to Heads of Circles for activating Circle/Regional Checking Squads and checking of Licensed Stamps Vendors/ Licensed Postal Agents/Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras have been issued.

(iii) Staff have been made aware of the features of genuine stamps like quality of paper and colour of print, perforation, watermark and quality and colour of gumming so that they can identify and detect fake stamps from the genuine ones.

(iv) Heads of Circles have been instructed to give publicity requesting the public to purchase stamps only from Post Offices or authorized agents and not from any other source.

(v) Field units have been instructed to book the articles through Multi Purpose Counter Machines (MPCMs), wherever such machines are available, in order to reduce the need to use stamps.

(vi) Use of franking machines by institutional customers is being encouraged.

(vii) Since February, 2004, technical data of commemorative stamps is also not published.

Statement

Reported cases of detection of Suspected fake Postal Stamps by Circles

	Name of Circle	Place	Date of detection	Details of fake stamps detected/seized			
				Denomination (in Rupees)	NO.	Value (in Rs.)	Total Value (in Rupees)
1.	Assam	Naharbari	April	3/-	13	65	73
		HO	1999	1/-	8	8	
2.	Delhi	NDRS TMO	Feb. 1999	10/-	3	30	180
		Janakpuri & DES Col. PO	Jan. 2000	10/-	15	150	
3.	West Bengal	Kolkata GPO	Dec. 1999	50/-	15	750	750
4.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Jan.1999	*2/-*	894	1788	5599
				1/-	3811	3811	
5.	Bihar	Ashok	Mar.	5/-	7	35	1215
		Nagar (Ranchi)	1999	10/-	2	20	
		Barn (Nalanda)	Sept. 1999	*21-*	41	82	
		Jamalpur	Oct. 1999	*21-*	12	24	
		Patna	Mar. 1999	*51-*	198	990	
				51-	12	60	
		Bankipore HO	Mar. 1999	*21-*	2	4	
6.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	June 1999	*201-*	2	40	33T09800
		Thane (Mumbai)	Nov. 1999	1,2.3.5.10,20,50 & 1/- Rev.	-	3304853 0	
		Shivaji Nagar HO, Pune City HO	Jan. 2003	10/-	6123	61230	
7.	UP.	Noida &	May 2000	1.2.3.5.10/-		32100	13648869
		Tetri Bazar Basti	July 2000	5/-	86	430	
		Meerut	May 2003	10/-	50	500	
		Ghaziabad	July 2004	1,2,3,4,5.10,15.20,50 .05 to .75		5154839	

	Name of Circle	Place	Date of detection	Details of fake stamps detected/seized			
				Denomination (in Rupees)	No.	Value Total Value (in Rs.) (in Rupees)	
		Allahabad	July 2004	1.2,3,4.5,10,15,20.50 05 to 75		8461000	
8.	N.E.	Dimapur	Sep. 1999	5/-	72	360	360
9	Karnataka	Kallambella SO	Mar. 2003	20/-	133	2660	2660
10	Gujarat	Ahmedabad	May 2003			2300000	2300000
11	Chhattisgarh	Raipur HO	June 2003	*21*-	200	400	400
12	STAMPH	KNK/Delhi 12730910 &	1999 14327330	25p.,1,2,3.4,5.10.20,50		1596420	
	Karnataka	Mumbai Madivala	2002	1,2,3.5.10 & 20			
13.	Punjab	Chandigarh	July 2002	1,2.3.5,10,20,50 Rev. 1/-	50584 43520	117564 43520	161084
				TOTAL:		Rs. 63558320	

Personal accident insurance for customers

1642. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNI CATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would introduce Personal Accident Insurance for customers who use Land-Line/WLL/Mobiles Services to attract more customers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-CATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) there are already other promotional schemes in existence to attract more customers.

Outsourcing of IT services

1643. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:Will the Minister of COMMUNI CATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite outsourcing of IT services having become hot politcal issue in election-bound US, Microsoft is planning to expand its operations in India;